

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERMA  
CRAVEIRO TROWE

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Erma Jeremias Craveiro Trowe who passed away on October 13, 2013 at the age of 96. Her character exemplified the very best of what our nation has to offer—she was thoughtful, generous, and possessed a strong work ethic.

Erma was a Central Valley native. She was born to Antonio and Francisca Jeremias on January 8, 1917 at Summit Lake near Fresno, California. The Jeremias's were Portuguese immigrants, and they managed a farm in Fresno County. When times were tough during the Great Depression, Erma and her seven siblings worked alongside their parents to help sustain the family farm. Erma attended California State University, Fresno, formerly known as Fresno State College and was one of the first in her family to graduate from college.

Erma married Joe Craveiro in 1938. They had four children: Audrey, Jerry, Bob, and Thomas. Joe and Erma raised their children in the Kearney Park area. Erma stayed active in the community, and was a supporter of Houghton-Kearney School, St. Patrick's Church in Kerman, and numerous Portuguese fraternal organizations. Joe and Erma also operated a dairy and grew alfalfa, cotton, and sugar beets.

When Joe passed away, Erma pursued a teaching career. She began at Madison Grammar School then went to Ahwahnee Middle School, and eventually settled at St. Anthony's School, where she taught fifth grade for many years. Teaching young people was very rewarding for Erma, and her students felt fortunate to have her as a teacher. Erma always found joy in the learning process. She loved languages and studied Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, and French. Her curiosity about the world and different cultures led her to travel to Africa, Europe, and Asia.

Aside from her commitments to her family, career, and the ranch, Erma had a lifelong involvement in various community activities. She was a member of the Fig Garden Women's Club, served as a Cub Scout Mother, and volunteered on the Parents Teacher's Association (PTA). Erma was also instrumental in the development of the Houghton-Kearney Elementary School.

Erma married William Trowe in 1981, and he passed away seven short years later. However, her faith in God never wavered. She believed that God has a plan for all of us, and His presence can be felt in each of our lives.

Erma was a very dear friend to the Costa family. She was one of my mother's greatest confidantes, and my sister, Bette, and I could always depend on her to be there for us in times of need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life of Erma Jeremias Craveiro Trowe. She is admired by all who had the pleasure of knowing her, and she will be remembered for her warm and loving heart.

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**HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO**

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the North Oakland County Republican Club of Michigan, who like so many organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Democracy that attaches all possible value to citizens rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number; a Democracy that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

Mr. Speaker, there is a great political awakening taking place in our country today. The roots of which are solid stock and American made, they are visionary individuals who understand the moral foundations of a Constitutional Republic, the benefits of free markets, and individual liberty. May they continue to strive valiantly and dare greatly.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few short minutes to give this testimony in support of a truly American organization.

**RECOGNIZING AUDREY WEINER**

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding leader in the field of aging and long-term services and supports. Audrey Weiner is the outgoing chair of LeadingAge, and I congratulate her on what she and her organization have accomplished during her two-year term.

LeadingAge members and affiliates touch the lives of 4 million individuals, families, em-

ployees and volunteers every day. The LeadingAge community includes 6,000 not-for-profit organizations in the United States, 39 state partners, hundreds of businesses, research partners, consumer organizations, foundations and a broad global network of aging services organizations that reach over 30 countries. The work of LeadingAge is focused on advocacy, education, and applied research. The organization promotes a full range of aging services, including adult day, home health, hospice, community-based services, PACE, senior housing, assisted living residences, continuing care communities, and nursing homes as well as technology solutions and person-centered practices that support the overall health and wellbeing of seniors, children, and those with special needs.

LeadingAge's leadership imperatives—strengthening not-for-profit leadership, engaging consumers, expanding long-term services and supports, financing options, innovation and technology and developing workforce talent—have shaped the organization's agenda throughout Audrey Weiner's service as LeadingAge's chair. She has overseen LeadingAge member task forces working on policies to advance these goals on behalf of people who need long-term services and supports.

In addition to her leadership of LeadingAge, Ms. Weiner has worked extensively with elders and their families facing the need for long-term services and supports. She heads one of the largest and oldest faith-based, not-for-profit long-term services and supports organizations in the country. Jewish Home Lifecare, located in New York City, provides a full array of long-term services and supports to thousands of people every year. These services include skilled nursing, short-stay rehabilitation, home care services, telehealth, geriatric care management, adult day services, informational resources for family caregivers and affordable senior housing. The integration and high quality of long-term services and supports achieved by Jewish Home Lifecare help individuals and families facing the enormous challenges of long-term disability.

I hope my colleagues will join me in commending Audrey Weiner for her long-standing service to America's older adults, her advocacy to make long-term services and support affordable and her commitment to ensure all seniors have a place to call home.

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the occasion of St. George Orthodox Church of Troy's Centennial to congratulate Reverend Joseph Antypas and the congregation on this great milestone in the celebration of their faith.

The Greater Detroit community is a region that mirrors the United States, both in the cultural diversity of its residents and their commitment to the American values of equality and freedom. A century ago, newly arrived Orthodox Christian immigrants from Lebanon and